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"A new I-70 is desperately needed, because we really have no good alternatives," Hungerbeeler said. "We're already experiencing traffic backups in some parts of the state, and as traffic grows in the coming years, we'll get to the point where you can't drive anywhere on I-70 without significant backups."

"And adding lanes elsewhere won't help enough," Hungerbeeler added. "Even if you four-lane Route 36 across north Missouri and Route 50 across central Missouri, studies show that would only divert about 10 percent of traffic off I-70. It also wouldn't solve the safety, condition and congestion problems on I-70. Simply put, the only good alternative to keep traffic moving across Missouri in the future is to get I-70 upgraded as soon as possible."

As an interim solution MoDOT has made plans to resurface I-70 without rebuilding or expanding it.

# In The Mode

## The Transportation Quiz

### Big Rigs Keep On Rollin'

By Patty Sparks



Every day, trucks move more than 333,000 tons of outbound and 400,000 tons of inbound freight to and from Missouri communities. In fact, 77 percent of Missouri towns are served exclusively by trucks.

Test your knowledge of trucking in Missouri and beyond.

**1** Missouri's trucking industry employs approximately how many people?

- a. 25,000
- b. 50,000
- c. 85,000
- d. 120,00

**2** The Missouri trucking industry pays \_\_\_\_\_ in salaries each year.

- a. \$4.5 million
- b. \$30 million
- c. \$1 billion
- d. \$6 billion

**3** Compared to rail, water and air, trucking moves what percentage of all manufactured freight in Missouri?

- a. 25 percent
- b. 40 percent
- c. 80 percent
- d. 90 percent

**4** Miles driven by Missouri truckers has \_\_\_\_\_ in the past 10 years.

- a. increased by 33 percent
- b. increased by 42 percent
- c. decreased by 10 percent
- d. remained steady

**5** More than a third of truck-related auto fatalities occur when the car:

- a. moves into a truck's blind spots.
- b. attempts to pass a truck on a hill.
- c. follows a truck too closely.
- d. pulls out in front of a truck at an intersection.

**6** The average tractor-trailer is just under \_\_\_\_\_ feet long.

- a. 50
- b. 60
- c. 70
- d. 80

**7** About 6 percent of truck drivers are:

- a. African-American.
- b. over the age of 55.
- c. women.
- d. none of the above.

**8** What term refers to the blind spots around a large truck?

- a. the Black Hole
- b. the Danger Zone
- c. the No-Zone
- d. the Hammer Area

**9** In CB language, what is a "bumper sticker"?

- a. a tailgating car
- b. a hitchhiker
- c. a speeding ticket
- d. an area approved for overnight parking

**10** In 2000, professional truckers in the United States drove enough miles to:

- a. travel from the North Pole to the South Pole.
- b. circle the earth three times.
- c. travel to Mars and back.
- d. make 1,000 trips from the Earth to the sun.

Sources: Missouri Motor Carriers Association, U.S. Department of Transportation.

Answers: 1 - b; 2 - d; 3 - c; 4 - b; 5 - a; 6 - c; 7 - c; 8 - c; 9 - a; 10 - d.

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